Grocery Web Application

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1. Introduction

1.1. Project Overview

The Grocery Web Application is a comprehensive, full-stack Grocery Management platform designed to revolutionize the online grocery shopping experience. It bridges the gap between traditional retail and modern digital convenience by offering a fast, intuitive, and secure interface for a diverse user base, from tech-savvy shoppers to homemakers managing daily essentials.

Developed as part of the SmartBridge Externship program, this project embodies the application of cutting-edge web technologies and agile collaborative practices to solve a real-world need.

1.2. Problem Statement

The modern consumer demands efficiency, variety, and reliability in online shopping. Existing solutions can often be complex, slow, or lack robust management tools for sellers. This application aims to solve these challenges by providing a user-centric platform that is equally powerful for end-users shopping for groceries and for administrators and sellers managing the digital storefront.

1.3. Team Details

• **Team ID:** PNT2025TMID14542

• **Team Size:** 4 Members

• Team Lead: Umair Borkar

• Team Members: Abhishek Pawar, Utkarsha Desai, Snehal Mali

2. Overall Description

2.1. Product Perspective

This is a standalone web application that operates on a client-server model. The frontend, built with Angular, handles all user interactions, while the backend, powered by Node.js and Express, manages business logic, data persistence, and security. MongoDB serves as the primary database for its flexibility and scalability in handling e-commerce data.

2.2. User Classes and Characteristics

- 1. **Customers (Users):** The primary end-users. They browse categories, view products, manage a cart, and place orders. They require an intuitive, fast, and trustworthy interface.
- 2. Administrators (Admins): Responsible for the overall health of the platform. They manage users,

view transactions, handle customer feedback, and ensure system stability.

3. **Sellers:** A subset of privileged users (can be merged with Admin for a simpler v1). They manage product listings, update inventory stock, and process incoming orders.

2.3. Operating Environment

- **Frontend:** Angular application served via a web server (e.g., Nginx, Apache) or directly through Angular CLI in development. Compatible with all modern browsers (Chrome, Firefox, Safari, Edge).
- **Backend:** Node.js runtime environment hosted on a cloud server (e.g., AWS, Azure, Heroku) or a local server.
- Database: MongoDB, hosted via MongoDB Atlas (cloud) or on a local instance.
- **Development:** Visual Studio Code, Git for version control, and Node Package Manager (npm).

3. System Features and Requirements

3.1. User Side Features

- User Registration & Authentication: Secure user sign-up and login system.
- **Product Browsing:** Intuitive interface to explore products organized by categories.
- **Product Search & Filter:** Ability to search for products and filter results.
- **Shopping Cart:** Virtual cart to add, update, or remove items before purchase.
- **Checkout Process:** A secure, multi-step process to enter shipping details, select payment method, and place orders.
- Order History: A user profile section to view past orders and track their status.

3.2. Admin/Seller Side Features

- Admin Dashboard: A centralized panel to view platform analytics (sales, orders, users).
- **Product Management:** Full CRUD (Create, Read, Update, Delete) operations on products and categories.
- Order Management: View, update status (e.g., Processing, Shipped, Delivered), and manage all customer orders.
- User Feedback & Support: Interface to monitor and respond to customer inquiries and feedback.
- Inventory Tracking: Tools to monitor and update product stock levels.

3.3. Non-Functional Requirements

• **Performance:** Pages should load in under 3 seconds. The system should handle a growing number of products and users.

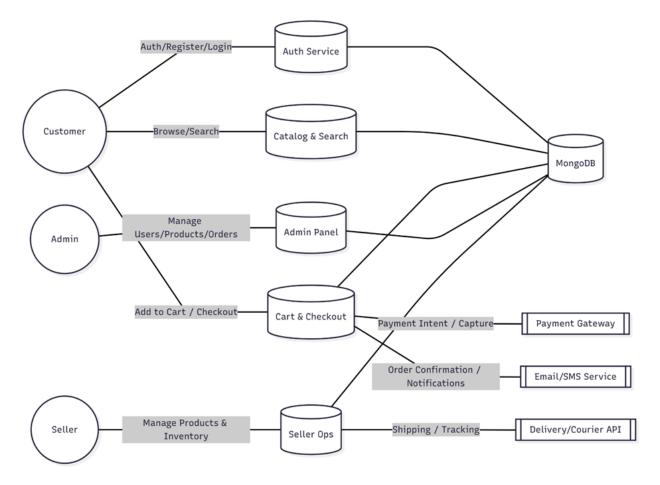
- **Security:** All user data and passwords must be encrypted. The application must be protected against common web vulnerabilities (XSS, SQL Injection). Payment information must be processed securely via a certified gateway.
- **Usability:** The interface must be responsive and provide an excellent experience on both desktop and mobile devices.
- Reliability: The system should achieve 99.9% uptime, with robust error handling and logging.

4. Design & Architecture

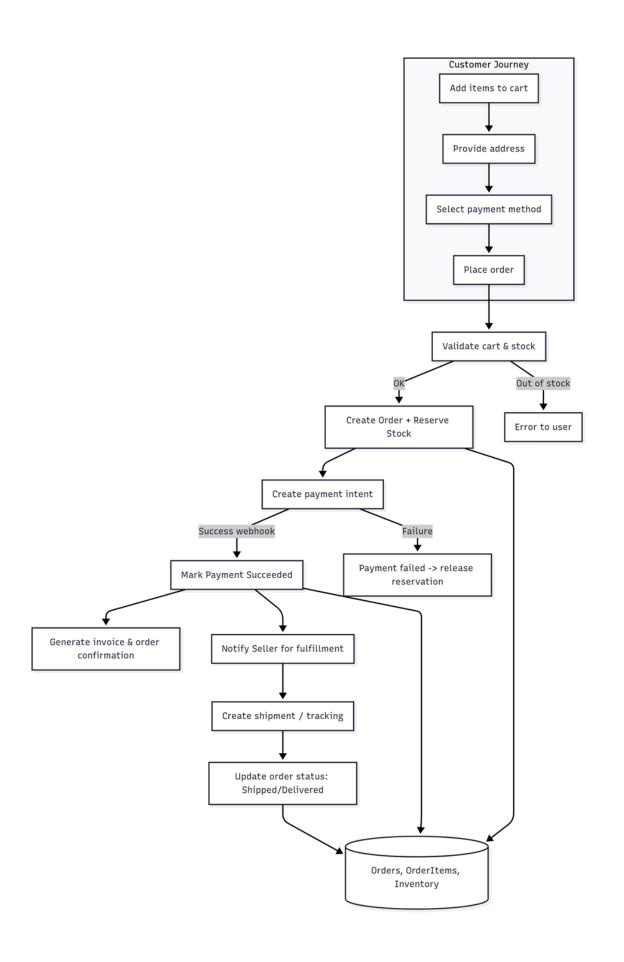
4.1. Technical Architecture

The application follows a modular 3-tier architecture for separation of concerns, scalability, and maintainability.

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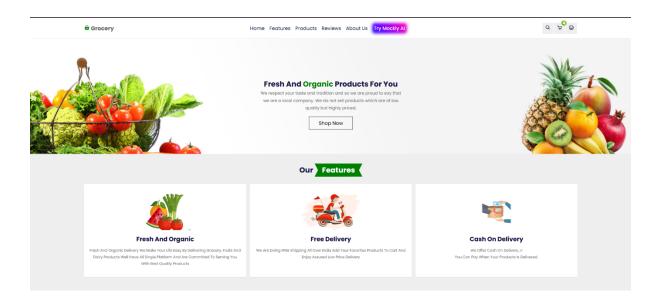


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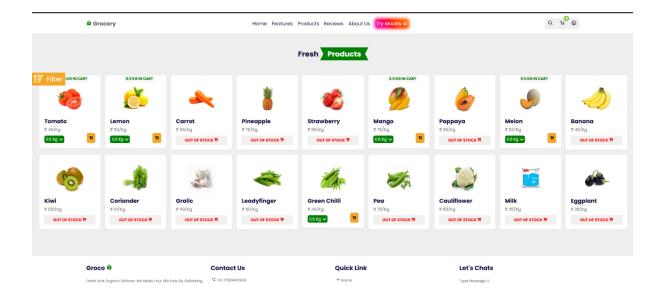


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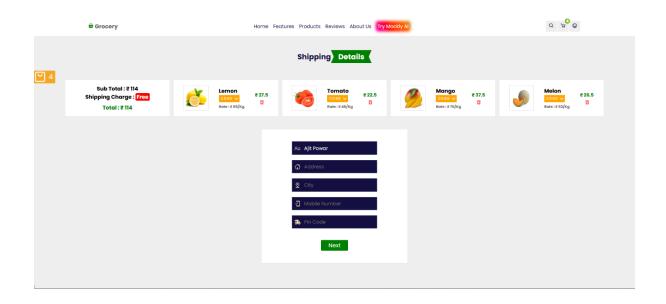
- 1. **Presentation Tier (Frontend Angular):** Renders the user interface and captures user input.
- 2. **Application Tier (Backend Node.js/Express):** Contains the business logic, processes requests, and communicates with the database and external services. It is structured as a set of microservices:
 - o. User Service



o. Product Catalog Service



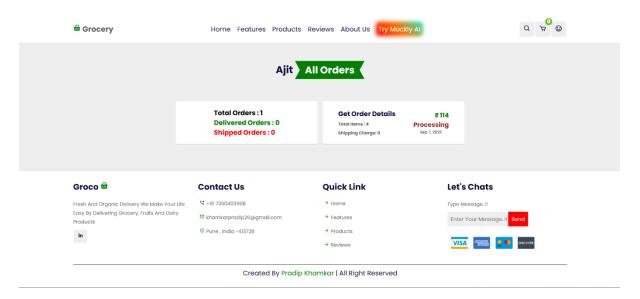
o. Shopping Cart Service



o. Order Management Service



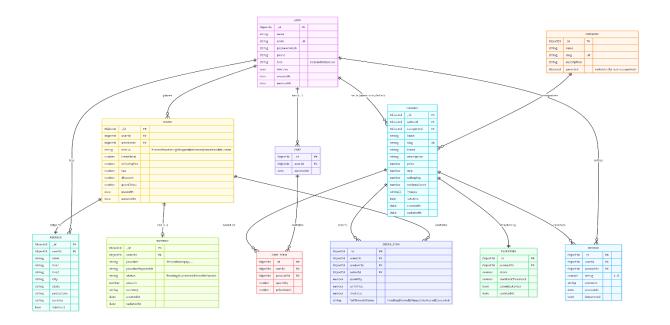
o. Payment Service



3. Data Tier (MongoDB): Responsible for data storage and retrieval.

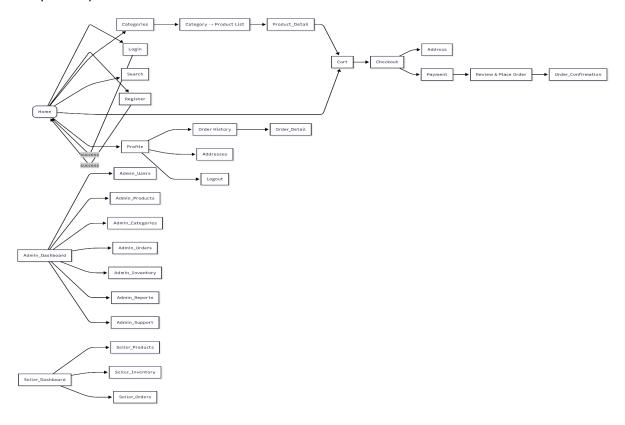
4.2. Data Model (ER Diagram)

The Entity-Relationship Diagram below illustrates the key entities and their relationships, forming the blueprint of the database.



4.3. Site Map & User Flow

The site map outlines the hierarchical structure of the application's pages and the flow a user follows to complete key tasks.



5. Development Setup & Deployment

5.1. Prerequisites

- Node.js & npm: JavaScript runtime and package manager. <u>Download Here</u>
- MongoDB: NoSQL database. <u>Download Community Server</u> or use <u>MongoDB Atlas</u> (cloud).
- Angular CLI: Command-line interface for Angular. Install via npm install -g @angular/cli.
- **Git:** Version control system. <u>Download Here</u>.
- Code Editor: Recommended: Visual Studio Code.

5.2. Cloning & Running the Project

1. Clone the repository:

git clone:

https://github.com/uborkar/Grocery Web-App

2. Install backend dependencies:

npm install

- 3. **Configure Environment Variables:** Create a .env file in the root directory and set variables like MongoDB connection string (MONGODB_URI), JWT secret (JWT_SECRET), and port (PORT).
- 4. Start the backend server:

bash

npm run dev # for development with auto-restart

or

npm start # for production

The backend API will run on http://localhost:5100 (or your specified PORT).

5. Setup and Run the Frontend (Angular):

Note: The provided repository appears to be backend-centric. A separate Angular project is typically needed.

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Navigate to your angular project directory (e.g., /client)

cd client

npm install

ng serve

The frontend will be available on http://localhost:4200.

Video Tutorial: A detailed setup guide is available <u>here</u>.

Project Repository: https://github.com/uborkar/Grocery Web-App

6. Role-Based Access Control (RBAC)

Role Permissions & Responsibilities

User/Custome

Register/Login, Browse catalog, Manage cart, Place orders, View own order

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history.

Admin All permissions of a Seller, plus: Manage all users/roles, View platform-wide

analytics and transactions, Manage system settings.

Seller Add/Edit/Delete products and categories, Manage inventory stock, View and

process orders for their products.

7. Project Development Flow

The project followed an iterative development lifecycle:

- 1. Frontend Development (Angular): Building UI components, pages, and services.
 - o. **UI/UX Design:** Wireframing and prototyping.
 - o. **Component Development:** Creating reusable Angular components (Product List, Cart, Checkout).
 - o. **Service Integration:** Writing services to connect to the backend API.
- 2. Backend Development (Node.js): Building the API and database logic.
 - o. **API Design:** Defining RESTful endpoints for all features.
 - o. **Database Modeling:** Creating Mongoose schemas and models.
 - o. Authentication: Implementing JWT-based secure login.
 - o. **Payment Integration:** Integrating a gateway like Stripe or Razorpay.
- 3. **Integration & Testing:** Connecting the frontend to the backend APIs, ensuring data flows correctly, and conducting end-to-end testing.

8. Conclusion

This Grocery Web Application SRS document outlines the vision, scope, and technical blueprint for a modern, scalable, and user-friendly e-commerce platform. By leveraging the MERN stack (MongoDB, Express.js, React.js, Node.js), the project is well-positioned to meet its functional and non-functional goals, delivering a valuable tool for consumers and administrators alike. Successful execution will depend on adherence to this plan, continuous testing, and iterative feedback incorporation.